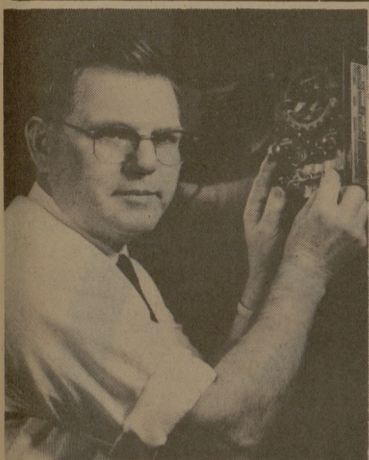


Park Administration Course Introduced



HOWARD BERRY



WILLIAM C. MAYETTE

Head Photographer Hangs Up Camera

Texas A&M's chief photographer put the lens cap on a 35-year career Feb. 1.

Howard Berry, director of the Photographic and Visual Aids Laboratory, will move to Gulfport, Miss.

A graduate of Mississippi State, Berry came to A&M in 1931 armed with a "beat-up" 5x7 camera, a contact printer and a thirty-dollar enlarger. His college preparation was in entomology but in those days photography was a better-paying profession, he remembers.

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William C. Mayette, a photography and photo-engraving instructor at Sam Houston State College since 1960, has been named manager of the Photo and Visual Aids Laboratory at Texas A&M.

Frank Tucker, superintendent of press services, said Mayette replaces Howard Berry, who retired Monday after 35 years' service.

Mayette earned a master's degree in industrial arts last semester at Sam Houston where he received a bachelor's degree in photography in 1962. In addition, he had 150 hours instruction in aircraft engineering at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and attended Consolidated and Douglas Aircraft Inspectors School at Santa Monica and San Diego, Calif.

"I had no formal photographic training," Berry recalled. "I learned the tricks of the trade the hard way, through the trial and error school."

His photographs have earned numerous honors and awards including first place in the national competition of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors.

Berry considers people the most interesting subjects for photography. His camera has recorded the activities of thousands of students and professors and the campus visits of three U. S. Presidents.

One of his photos of a Hereford bull may have drawn the most amusing compliment of his career, he believes.

A woman, admiring the bull's photograph, told Berry: "You make the most beautiful pictures . . . I want you to photograph my baby."

Berry's tenure at A&M has been unbroken from 1931, except for three years of U. S. Navy service during World War II. His son, Howard Jr., is a career Navy man.

Mrs. Berry is the former Edrie Conn of Hattiesburg, Miss. The couple plans to sell their home at 3204 Crane in Bryan and "catch up on hobbies" in Mississippi.

Berry enjoys woodwork and metal work and has built much of the furniture in his home. One of his chief interests is fishing and he hopes to spend a great deal of time pulling "big ones" from the Gulf.

At the conclusion of a large meeting recently, someone told Howard, "We're all coming down to Gulfport to visit you and try the fishing."

Berry looked over the crowd and quipped, "That will be fine . . . just bring your own bait."

Chemical Engineers To Represent A&M

Five Texas A&M chemical engineers will participate in the national meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in Dallas Feb. 6-9.

Dr. C. D. Holland, department head, and professors Roland Darby and P. T. Eubank, will be chairmen of technical sessions. D. M. Groves and N. J. Tetlow, Ph.D. candidates in chemical engineering at A&M, will present papers covering their doctoral research.

"Principles of Park Administration" is the title of the first course to be offered by Texas A&M's newly-created Department of Recreation and Parks.

Dr. Leslie M. Reid, department head, said the three-hour course (RP-302) is designed for students without extensive knowledge of the park and recreation field.

"It's specifically for those interested in learning more about the scope of this dynamic field, either with the objective of a career in this area, or those in a related discipline who desire broadening in their program of study," Dr. Reid added.

Basic concepts of recreation are studied, he said, including the economic and social significance of recreation in modern society, and its importance as a use of natural resources. Past and emerging developments in recreation and park agencies, organizations and developments are considered.

"Finally, the course provides a broad survey of current developments in recreation and park administration at local, county, regional, state and national levels, as well as the private and commercial sector. Recreation is considered as a profession and as an area of public service," Dr. Reid said.

The Department of Recreation and Parks is part of the College of Agriculture's also-new School of Natural Biosciences approved early in 1965 by the Texas Commission on Higher Education. Operation began last September.

Dr. Reid said "Principles of Park Administration" will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. in Room 314 of the Plant Sciences Building. Prerequisites are junior standing, or approval by the student's department head.

He said students wanting additional information are urged to visit the departmental office, Room 320 Plant Sciences Building, or call 846-8870.

Experiment Pigs Die In Veterinary Laboratory Fire

Fire caused \$20,000 to \$30,000 damage last week to a Veterinary Microbiology swine laboratory at Texas A&M.

Dr. Charles W. Livingston, assistant professor of microbiology, said a 12:30 a.m. blaze, apparently the result of a faulty electric heating system, destroyed the disease-free swine laboratory.

"We lost five young pigs," Dr. Livingston said. "About 10 others escaped. Ten to 15 brood sows with 10 to 15 pigs each in pens around the laboratory also escaped injury."

Dr. Livingston said the 30 by 50-foot wooden building with asbestos siding and aluminum roof was remodeled about six years ago and was in good condition.

"The barn held a lot of heating equipment and new brooding units," he noted. "All hogs for the research foundation herd come from this facility."

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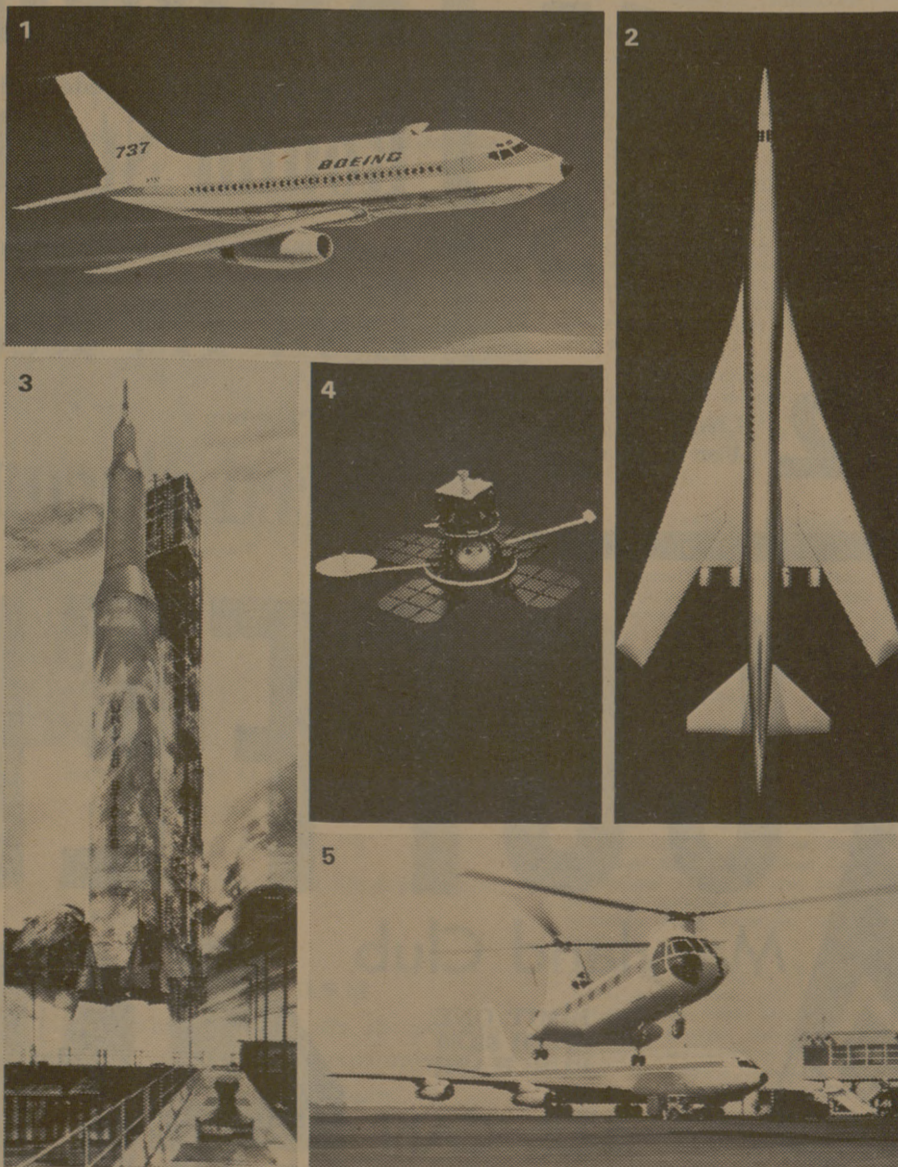
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